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## Selectmen Minutes 03-12-2001

### **TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 12, 2001

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley - Chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon  
Also Present: Mrs. Galkowski, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

The Chairman opened the meeting by requesting a moment of silence to remember Bob Walsh, a former Selectman and friend of the Town of Arlington.

Bob Bowes of Bowes realty and Lee Barber were present to speak to the Board about a proper memorial for Harry Barber who is gravely ill. The Public Memorials Committee recommended to the Board that a room in the Senior Center be named after Mr. Barber. Mrs. Dias moved that one of the function rooms at the Senior Center be named in honor of Harry for all of his hard work and dedication to the Town. (4-0) SO VOTED

The Chairman announced that he had spoken with Mr. Lyons on this matter and that he offered his full support to make the vote of the Board unanimous.

Director of Fire Services, Richard Maimone was present to introduce two newly promoted firefighters. He introduced Michael Tierney who has been promoted to Fire Captain and Joel Seully who has been promoted to Lieutenant. The Board congratulated the two gentlemen on their promotion.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Galkowski to the meeting as she is serving while the Town Manager is attending the National League of Cities Conference in Washington with Selectman Lyons.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

**Minutes of Meeting:** February 26, 2001  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval as amended. (4-0) SO VOTED

### **APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

**Appointment – Board of Youth Services**  
Jeannette Amato Mills (term to expire 3/04)

**Reappointment – Arlington Arts Council**  
Carol Mahoney (term to expire 3/04)

Mr. Hurd moved to table both of these items. (4-0) SO VOTED

Update: School Building Projects

John Cole, Chair, Permanent Town Building Committee

Mr. Cole thanked the Board for their letter of support to the Committee. Mr. Cole reported to the Board on the status of the Brackett, Bishop and Hardy Schools. The Hardy School project has proven difficult due to the age of the building. Mr. Cole also submitted a construction review report to the Board on the Peirce School.

The Board thanked Mr. Cole and Mr. Shea for their service on the Committee. Mr. Hurd moved receipt of the report. (4-0) SO VOTED

**LICENSES & PERMITS**Common Victualler License/Awning Permit

Stephen T. Dolan d/b/a Classic Café, 1313 Massachusetts Avenue

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all departmental conditions set forth. (4-0) SO VOTED

Common Victualler License

SAATHI Inc., d/b/a Bombay, Chaitanya Patel, President, 9A-9B Medford St.

Mrs. Dias moved approval subject to all departmental conditions set forth. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request for One-Day Beer & Wine License

The Children's Room, Whittemore-Robbins House, April 28

Marty Thrope was present on behalf of the Children's Room, 819 Massachusetts Avenue.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request to Place Eyemobile in Front of Town Hall on 4/20-21/01

Lions Club

Benton Warren was present on behalf of the Lions Club.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request to Place Banner on Town Hall

Arlington Public Schools, "Arms Around Arlington-Day of Connection and Support or those touched by Cancer", 4/7/01, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request for Awning Permit

Horizons Hair Salon and Day Spa, 1340 Mass. Ave.

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to all departmental conditions set forth. (4-0) SO VOTED

**CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

Any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

Steven Andrew of the Chamber of Commerce was present and announced that there would be a meeting regarding Symmes Hospital, open to the Public on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall.

**TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**Dallin School/Traffic & Parking Issues

Report of Selectman Greeley

Mrs. Dias moved to table the matter. (4-0) SO VOTED

For Discussion: Regent Theatre - Hours of Operation/Noise Complaint

Robert Desjarlais & Tracy McGarry

The Chairman announced that the proponents said the conditions had improved and that the matter can be brought up again if it becomes problematic.

For Discussion: Transportation Advisory Committee

Report of Selectman Hurd

Mr. Hurd presented his plan for the committee to be composed in the following structure:

- 1) The Director of Police Services or designee
- 2) Director of Public Works or designee
- 3) Director of Planning or designee
- 4) Member of the Chamber of Commerce
- 5) School Committee Member or designee
- 6) Resident of the town from precincts 1-7
- 7) Resident of the town from precincts 8-14
- 8) Resident of the town from precincts 15-21
- 9) Resident of the town at large

**\* Appointed resident members will assume liaison relationships with:**

Arlington Bicycle Committee

Arlington Walking Committee

Arlington Council on Aging / Senior Association

Arlington Commission on Disabilities

Mr. Hurd moved to accept the proposal to form the committee and further that the Board make appointments on March 26, 2001.

(4-0) SO VOTED

Request For Proclamation

Participation in Recognizing March as Red Cross Month

Mrs. Dias moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request for Proclamation

Save A Life Foundation declaring May 20-26 Save A Life Week

Mrs. Dias moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

For Approval: Acting Town Manager

The Town Manager requested for the period of one year that Mrs. Galkowski and Mrs. DeBenedictus serve as Manager, respectively, in the event of his absence from the Town.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Warrant Article Hearings

Article 21 – Disposition/36 Wright Street

Mrs. Mahon moved to table the matter. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 23 – Open Space Plan

Karsten Hartel of the Open Space Committee presented the Board with an updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Chairman asked that the matter be placed on the March 26th agenda so the Board will have time to review the report.

Article 25 – Bylaw Amendment/Newsracks

Mr. Hurd moved to establish a committee to study the matter to report at a future Town Meeting

**(4-0) SO VOTED**

Article 36 – Acceptance of Legislation – Community Preservation Act

Mrs. Mahon moved to table the matter. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 37 – Enterprise Fund – Life Support Services

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 39 – Ryder Street Lease

Mr. Hurd moved favorable action. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 51 – Revolving Funds

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 55 – Deed Restriction/Appropriation/Peirce Field

Mr. Hurd moved to table the matter. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 77 – Land Acquisition/Symmes Hospital

Mrs. Dias moved to endorse the policy statement as read by Town Counsel and to table the warrant article hearing to March 26, 2001. (4-0) SO VOTED

**Correspondence Received**

Mark Hruby          Resignation from Board of Trustees Dallin Art Museum    Be Rec'd  
12 Pond Lane #40

Anne MacDonough Hanscom Field concerns    Be Rec'd  
48 Churchill Ave.

Javad Fakharzadeh      Sign request at Henderson Street      Be Rec'd  
Hadaf Realty Trust  
556 Concord Ave.  
Lexington  
The Board asked that this matter be referred to the Police.

Joseph Favaloro Debt Service Assistance    Be Rec'd  
MWRA

John F. Maher    Comments of the Town of Arlington in Response to Comments      Be Rec'd  
Town Counsel    of Metromedia Fiber Network Services of January 30, 2001

Ron Fitzgerald    Request on Assessment    Be Rec'd  
Superintendent

John & Barbara    Town Manager's new Health Insurance Plan for Retirees    Be Rec'd  
Ligor  
897 Washington St.  
Newtonville

Mrs. Galkowski indicated that she and the Manager had been in contact and will be in future contact with the Ligors regarding this matter.

Mary Winstanley      Resignation from ZBA    Be Rec'd

O'Connor  
781 Concord Turnpike

Steve Grossman Notification of price adjustment & programming changes Be Rec'd  
RCN

John F. Maher Bow Street Be Rec'd  
Town Counsel

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence. (4-0) SO VOTED

New Business:

Mr. Hurd commented on the fine job of the public works department during the blizzard of last week. Mr. Hurd exited the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Mrs. Mahon indicated that she would speak to Town Counsel about the draft of the final votes and comments from votes of March 3rd. She informed the Board she had received emails regarding the poor condition (from snow) of sidewalks in the Orvis Road/Hardy School area. She also received many calls about the confusion over trash pickup during last week's blizzard. She recommended to the Board, after discussing the matter with others, that the Board recommend to the Public Memorials Committee that the Courtyard at Arlington High be named in memory of Ron Nigro. She informed the Board that the odor problem in the area of Magnolia Field has reappeared. She also informed the Board that she had spoken with the Fire Chief about the fact that because many residents did not telephone the electric company that they were out of power they were without power for an extended period of time.

Mrs. Dias commended the public works department for their work during the storm. She also indicated her unhappiness at the confusion over trash pickup during the blizzard. She asked that a resident from Peck Avenue receive a phone call from the Town apologizing for the lack of plowing during the blizzard. Mrs. Dias requested that the Director of Data Processing appear at the next meeting to report on the status and implementation of Complaint Tracking Software.

Mr. Greeley also commended the public works department for their work during the storm. Mr. Greeley also informed the Board that there would be a performance of the Selectones on Saturday, March 17th at the Senior Center.

Mrs. Dias moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

A true record.

Attest:

Caryn E. Cove  
Board Administrator